

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Mill Valley Community Center, Mill Valley
June 4, 2007**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer
Bill Long
Tom Huening
Sean Co
Jody Zaitlin
Cathy Woodbury
Judy Malamut
Joan Cardellino

Jim McGrath
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
Don Weden
Philip Sales
Bruce Beyaert
Diane Ross Leech
Ellen Johnck

Guests:

Supervisor Charles McGlashan
Sara Polgar, BCDC
Pat Mapelli, Cargill Salt

Staff:

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Patrycja Bossak

Introductions / Agenda / Announcements

Parmer welcomed Board members and guests, and thanked Mill Valley Community Center staff for providing the facilities for the Board meeting.

Introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes:

McGrath made a motion to adopt the agenda and the previous meeting's minutes; Malamut seconded with change of the type in Staff Announcements from "encouring" to "encouraging". The agenda and minutes were adopted.

Board Announcements

- Beyaert Announced that the North Richmond Academy have new maps of the Richmond area.

- Cardellino Announced that the KQED documentary on Save the Bay will air in April 2008.

- Zaitlan Informed the Board that Grunion spawning has been observed at more beaches within the San Francisco Bay and along the Pacific Coast north of the Golden Gate Bridge.
- Long Informed the Board that Marin County is updating their General Plan and that it will have a Trail Element which will specifically designate regional trails such as the Bay Trail and Ridge Trail.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Informed the Board that the new Bay Trail Grant from the Coastal Conservancy under Proposition 84 will be available soon. The Conservancy staff will ask the Coastal Conservancy Board to authorize the \$6 Million block grant to the Bay Trail Project in September.

Announced that Doug McConnell in doing another piece on the Bay Trail on *Bay Area Backroads*. Filming will begin at end of June.

Announced that State Senator Tom Torlakson will be the Bay Trail's new champion at the State Legislature.

- Bossak Announced that the stakeholder meetings for each individual Phase I project proposed as part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project will begin soon.

Informed the Board that the Bay Trail at Bair Island will be changed due to restoration work. The new Bay Trail facilities will include two trail segments and new parking.

- Huo Announced that the Spring 2007 *Bay Trail Rider* Newsletter was recently released. Board members asked about creating an electronic newsletter, and Huo informed the Board of staff's intentions to explore converting the *Bay Trail Rider* to an electronic delivery format.

- Gaffney Updated the Board regarding the first coordination meeting between the Bay Trail Project and the Ridge Trail to discuss the possibility of working collaboratively. Gaffney stated that the second coordination meeting will occur in June.

Provided an overview of Bay Trail projects in Marin County:

- 1) Feasibility Study for Bay Trail alignment along Hwy 37
- 2) Sonoma Baylands
- 3) Class II facilities on Point San Pedro Road in San Rafael
- 4) Report on San Rafael-Richmond Bridge Access
- 5) Release of Fort Baker EIR

Marin County Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program

Thompson extended appreciation to Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan for attending the Board meeting and turned the meeting over to him to present the Marin County Nonmotorized Pilot Program. McGlashan provided history on the advocacy that went into obtaining funding for the four Pilot Programs across the nation. McGlashan stated that the purpose of the Pilot Programs is to demonstrate whether or not substantial funding for the establishment of infrastructure for community-wide non-motorized forms of travel would be effective in increasing non-motorized travel and reduce motorized forms of travel. The idea is that a positive demonstration of increase non-motorized usage would potentially result in further substantial funds for completing non-motorized infrastructure throughout communities within the nation. McGlashan presented background information on the five Pilot Program projects that will focus on the Bay Trail:

- 1) East Francisco Boulevard – San Rafael - \$500,000
- 2) Central Marin Ferry Connection Project – Larkspur - \$2,000,000
- 3) Tennessee Valley Pathway – Tam Valley - \$2,000,000
- 4) Gate 6 Road/Bridgeway Intersection Improvements – Sausalito - \$50,000
- 5) Bridgeway to Ferry Path – Sausalito - \$200,000

McGlashan completed his presentation by answering several questions posed by Board members and staff.

Chevron Long Wharf Lease Renewal

Thompson presented background on the Chevron Long Wharf Lease Renewal and Bay Trail staff's efforts to identify a feasible alignment of the Bay Trail through the I-580 corridor that runs through the Chevron Refinery and to the San Rafael-Richmond Bridge. Thompson stated that a preferred Bay Trail alignment had initially been identified under a feasibility study funded by the Bay Trail Project in 2001. The feasibility study was approved by the steering committee members which included Chevron. Thompson indicated that due to Homeland Security concerns expressed by Chevron, the progress of implementing the preferred alignment was put to a stand still. Thompson stated that several organizations including Richmond City Council have sent letters to the State Lands Commission commenting on the Lease Renewal EIR and requesting that the impacts to the Bay Trail due to this Lease Renewal be mitigated by requiring Chevron to implement the Bay Trail through the I-580 corridor. Thompson and the Board discussed strategies to push for completion of the Bay Trail through the I-580 corridor including the possibility of sending a comment letter to request Bay Trail mitigation similar to the other stakeholders.

Bay Area Water Trail Update

Sara Polgar of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) presented the Draft San Francisco Bay Water Trail Plan to the Board. She provided an overview of the Water Trail Plan and background information about the planning process, organization, and vision for the Water Trail Plan. Polgar stated that the Water Trail Plan will go to the State Legislature for approval in 2008, and implementation will begin in Spring 2008.

She indicated that the Coastal Conservancy will take the lead in the environmental work for and implementation of the Water Trail Plan. Polgar stated that any feedback on the Water Trail Plan would need to be provided by June 19, 2007. She also said that the Draft Plan would be presented to the Coastal Conservancy Board on July 16, 2007, and to BCDC Commissioners on July 19, 2007.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Mill Valley Pathway Walking Tour

The Bay Trail Board members and staff enjoyed a walking tour along the Mill Valley Pathway.